

Environmental Technology of North America, Inc. A HazWaste Company

Via Facsimile

November 7, 1994

Mr. Jeffrey A. Dodd U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III Removal Enforcement Section 303 Methodist Building 11th & Chapline Streets Wheeling, West Virginia 26003

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October 25, 1994 Letter Concerning Potomac Yard Site ECS Work Plan

Addendum

Dear Mr. Dodd:

On behalf of Mr. Scott Slagley, Project Coordinator for the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad Company (RF&P) on the Potomac Yard Site (Docket No. III-92-61-DC), Environmental Technology of North America, Inc. (ETI) requests clarification of certain modifications to the Extent of Contamination Study Work Plan Addendum presented in your letter of October 25, 1994. The questions below reference the items and page numbers in your October 25 letter.

Item A (page 3). The third bullet from the end of the list on page 3 requires that MW-6 be shown on Plate 8. This well is, however, located outside Area A-1 in Potomac Greens. To be consistent with EPA's requirements that wells outside Area A-1 be excluded from Plate 8, the modification should delete the reference to MW-6.

Item B.3 (page 5). According to the Region III Risk-Based Concentration (RBC) Table dated 4/18/94 (attached), the residential soil RBC for xylene(s)-total is 160,000 mg/kg. Your letter states the RBC is 16,000 mg/kg. Please confirm which number is correct. If the 4/18/94 RBC table is incorrect, please provide RF&P and ETI a corrected table.

Item H (page 7). The two proposed wells near MW-27 should be renumbered as MW-68 and MW-69 to be consistent with the current numbering of ground water sampling points. Existing ground water sampling points number up to **67.**

Item J (pages 9-10). Modified section 5.4.3 requires an additional "monitoring well." RF&P proposes to use Direct Push Technology (DPT) instead so a permanent hole (and potential migration pathway) is not left in place. DPT can provide stratigraphic data using geotechnical soundings with resistivity and pore pressure, and can collect a representative water sample.

The Work Plan Addendum includes use of DPT to collect other ground water samples at Potomac Yard. Please confirm whether DPT can be used for the lower aquifer sampling as well.

Please identify what EPA considers to be "elevated levels of contamination" which would cause termination of the drilling, as stated on page 10 of the October 25 letter.

We understand the due date for implementing the Work Plan Addendum modifications to be November 25, 1994 (20 business days from receipt of your letter). ETI is planning to start field work for the sampling required under the modifications the week of November 14. Prior to the start of field work, we will submit to you a field sampling plan which will identify the proposed location of the lower aquifer ground water sampling. In the meantime, we would appreciate your clarification of the matters noted above.

Sincerely,

Chuck Flippo

Senior Scientist

Attachment

cc: Scott Slagley, RF&P

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